



# **Preparing Veterans for the Workforce of the Future**

#### **VETERAN ROADMAP TO SUCCESS**

The American Jobs Act puts Veterans at the forefront of infrastructure spending. With \$18B dedicated to upgrading Veterans Affairs hospitals, and \$152B in funding allocated to job training programs, this plan will create opportunities for Veterans.

Long attributed to creating a pathway to the middle class, with additional emphasis through the infrastructure plan, the GI Bill® will be pivotal in rebuilding the U.S. workforce and the economy.



### **Pathways to Education for Transitioning Service Members**

- Each year, approximately 200,000 Service members transition to civilian life\*\*.
- The GI Bill provides an opportunity to skill up for the civilian workforce by:
  - **Expanding** opportunities for Service members, Veterans and eligible family members to pursue their academic goals
  - **Enhancing** the nation's economic strength with innovative programs that support employment in high demand fields and
  - **Enriching** lives by giving beneficiaries the tools they need to further their education to lead to fulfilling careers.
- Over 870,000 Veterans, Service members and family members used VA education benefits last year alone, receiving over **\$11 billion** in education and training related benefits\*\*.



# **Digital GI Bill:**

VA is transforming the GI Bill experience through a modernized **Digital GI Bill** platform. The transformed and modernized experience will be informed by stakeholders - like school administrators and Veterans.



# **Preparing Veterans for 21st Century Jobs**

The American Jobs Act proposes to create millions of jobs in the coming years. Through innovative new programs, VA will equip Veterans with the resources and training that will propel them into the job market.

#### **Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship:**

Provides additional GI Bill benefits toward qualifying science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) degrees.



The STEM workforce is projected to grow by **8.0%** from 2019-2029, compared to **3.7%** growth for non-STEM occupations\*\*.



in 2020 were in STEM\*\*. In 2019, the median annual wage of

18 of the 20 highest paying careers



STEM occupation was \$90K, compared to all occupations of \$42K and non-STEM occupations of \$40K\*\*. Thanks to recent legislation, qualify dual-



degree and approved clinical training programs for healthcare professionals are now eligible for this scholarship.

### **VRRAP:**

Provides Veterans who wouldn't otherwise be eligible for education benefits with funding for training for high demand occupations, as a form of COVID-19 support.



- Administers up to \$386M in funding to up to 17,250 participants over the course of 21 months.
- demand occupations such as:
  - Business, IT, healthcare, production, transportation, and more.

Supports training that leads to high-

#### **VET TEC:**

Pairs Veterans with industry-leading training providers to boost technical skills like coding, cloud computing, and data processing.



Over **2,150 students** have started or are in progress in a VET TEC program and over 1,733 students have completed it.

Connecting Veterans with high-tech

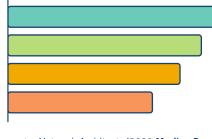


employers, including Fortune 500 Companies, the VET TEC Employer Consortium helps Veterans bridge the gap between program completion and meaningful employment.



**Employment in computer** and information technology occupations is projected to grow 11% from 2019 to 2029\*\*.

Top IT jobs include\*\*:



- Computer Network Architects (2020 Median Pay \$116,780)
- Software Developers (2020 Median Pay \$110,140)
- Information Security Analysts (2020 Median Pay \$103,590) Computer Systems Analysts (2020 Median Pay \$93,730)

# **Driving Economic Outcomes**

# Rogers STEM Scholarship By the Numbers







**Rogers STEM Scholars to Date** 

## **VRRAP**

- Covers up to 12 months of tuition, fees and Monthly Housing Allowance for participants. Provides a pathway to fill some of the nearly
- **39K** open jobs at VA.





## **VET TEC By the Numbers**



**Graduates Hired** 

66 days **Taken to Find** 



\$62k

**Employment** 

**Average Salary** 

### Multiplier Effect of the Post-9/11 GI Bill Just a 1% increase in GI Bill usage is associated

with the following outcomes nationally:



**New Jobs Gained in** 

the First Year Alone



Increase in **Real GDP** 



**People Lifted** 

**Out of Poverty** 



Real GDP

\*\*FACT SHEET: The American Jobs Plan Supports Veterans | The White House EDU Experience 2020: youtube.com/watch?v=FRm84nmd2Y8

\*\*Employment in STEM Occupations: **U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (bls.gov)** 

\*\*Highest Paying Occupations: BLS Occupational Outlook Handbook

\*\*Computer and Information Technology Occupations: Occupational Outlook Handbook: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (bls.gov)

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